

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Health	(2) MEETING DATE 2/7/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Penny Borenstein (805) 781-5519	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution proclaiming February 2012 as "Children's Dental Health Month" in San Luis Obispo County.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve a resolution proclaiming February 2012 as "Children's Dental Health Month" in San Luis Obispo County.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation (Time Est. 5 min) <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		(12) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(13) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(14) W-9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
(15) LOCATION MAP N/A	(16) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(17) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date _____	
(18) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest			
(19) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

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DATE: 2/7/2012

SUBJECT: Submittal of a resolution proclaiming February 2012 as "Children's Dental Health Month" in San Luis Obispo County.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve a resolution proclaiming February 2012 as "Children's Dental Health Month" in San Luis Obispo County.

DISCUSSION

Each February, the American Dental Association sponsors National Children's Dental Health Month to raise awareness about the importance of oral health. Dental decay is a public health problem for SLO County's children. There are significant oral health disparities in San Luis Obispo County with low-income and minority children having the highest level of dental disease, including almost 60 percent of third grade children in the County who do not have dental sealants, a well accepted clinical intervention to prevent tooth decay in permanent molar teeth.

The SLO County Children's Oral Health Initiative, launched in November 2008, has been working to solve local children's dental health issues, focusing on increased access to care, increased access to prevention, and developing strategies to build ongoing infrastructure within the county to maintain and expand the initiative. The County hired an Oral Health Program Manager in April 2011 to help coordinate children's oral health issues, and the Oral Health Program Manager, along with the Central Coast Dental Society, the Central Coast Dental Hygienists Society and the Oral Health Coalition have been planning numerous activities and free dental clinics for children that will commence in February 2012.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Public Health Department is partnering with First 5 of San Luis Obispo County, the Central Coast Dental Society, the Central Coast Dental Hygienists' Society, and the Oral Health Coalition in this effort.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with the approval of this Resolution.

RESULTS

Each elementary school in San Luis Obispo County will be visited by a local dentist in January and February and children will receive free dental screenings. Children who have significant issues and do not have insurance to pay for treatment will be referred to one of nine free dental clinics in order to receive treatment. In addition, on February 24, 2012, the third,

free Oral Health Summit will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel to celebrate the success of endeavors thus far, and to explore what can continue to be done to ensure that every child in SLO County grows up healthy, happy and thriving.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution proclaiming February 2012 as "Children's Dental Health Month"